

NEW MEXICO CHILE PRODUCTION 2000

New Mexico chile production increased 68 percent over the 1999 crop which was affected by disease and weather conditions. Harvested acreage increased 17 percent to 19,000 acres in 2000. This was 2,800 above 1999, but 2,500 below the 1998 acreage.

Average yield for the 2000 chile crop was 5.2 tons per acre, an increase of 44 percent. All varieties showed increases over the previous year.

The value of the 2000 crop totaled \$48,910,000, an increase of 54 percent over 1999. The Long Mild varieties continue to account for the largest portion of the chile crop.

Chile: Yield, Production, and Value, 2000 Crop

	-----Green ^{1/} -----		-----Red ^{2/} -----		Value of
	Production	Yield Per Acre	Production	Yield Per Acre	Production
	-----Tons-----				----\$1,000----
Paprika	—	—	9,000	1.80	12,060
Cayenne	—	—	5,500	6.88	2,200
Jalapeño ^{3/}	8,000	11.43	—	—	2,600
Long Mild ^{4/}	60,000	12.00	8,000	1.60	27,840
Long Hot	7,000	7.00	1,500	1.00	4,210
STATE	75,000	—	24,000	—	48,910

^{1/}See footnotes at the end of 1998 table.

Chile: Yield, Production, and Value, 1999 Crop*

	-----Green ^{1/} -----		-----Red ^{2/} -----		Value of
	Production	Yield Per Acre	Production	Yield Per Acre	Production
	-----Tons-----				----\$1,000----
Paprika	—	—	4,550	1.30	6,400
Cayenne	—	—	3,125	6.25	1,220
Jalapeño ^{3/}	5,125	10.25	—	—	1,640
Long Mild ^{4/}	34,780	7.40	7,275	1.43	19,920
Long Hot	2,970	4.95	1,260	0.90	2,681
STATE	42,875	—	16,210	—	31,861

^{1/}See footnotes at the end of 1998 table.

Chile: Yield, Production, and Value, 1998 Crop*

	-----Green ^{1/} -----			-----Red ^{2/} -----			Value of
	Production	Yield	Per Acre	Production	Yield	Per Acre	Production
	-----Tons-----						---- \$1,000----
Paprika	—		—	6,800	1.70		9,050
Cayenne	—		—	6,000	7.50		2,670
Bell Pepper/Pimento	375		7.50	—	—		120
Jalapeño ^{3/}	10,965		12.90	—	—		3,730
Long Mild ^{4/}	44,400		9.25	16,295	1.45		33,180
Long Hot	7,095		6.45	3,920	1.40		13,300
STATE	62,835		—	33,015	—		62,050

^{1/} Wet tonnage.

^{2/} Dry tonnage except cayenne which is a wet tonnage (a ratio of 8:1 can be used to convert to a dry weight).

^{3/} Includes both green and red varieties.

^{4/} Includes a small amount of bell and pimento peppers, not published separately to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

*Revised.

Chile: Acreage, Yield and Production by County

County	Acreage Harvested			Yield Per Acre (Tons) ^{1/}			Production (Tons) ^{1/2/}		
	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
Chaves	1,650	1,500	1,400	—	2.7	3.5	—	4,050	4,900
Doña Ana	6,300	4,000	4,900	—	2.6	5.6	—	10,400	27,440
Eddy	800	500	1,100	—	1.2	1.6	—	600	1,760
Hidalgo	2,500	1,250	2,600	—	5.1	5.9	—	6,375	15,210
Lea	800	1,000	700	—	1.5	1.6	—	1,500	1,120
Luna	7,300	6,500	6,500	—	5.1	6.5	—	33,250	42,540
Sierra	850	600	700	—	1.7	4.4	—	1,020	3,080
Socorro	400	200	300	—	2.9	4.5	—	580	1,350
Other Counties ^{3/}	900	850	800	—	1.5	2.0	—	1,300	1,600
STATE	21,500	16,200	19,000	4.5	3.6	5.2	95,850	59,085	99,000

^{1/}Not available by county prior to 1999. ^{2/}Includes both dry and green tonnage combined. (See footnote #2 in previous table). ^{3/}Other Counties include Bernalillo, Guadalupe, Grant, Otero, Quay, Rio Arriba, Roosevelt, Sandoval, San Juan, Santa Fe, and Valencia.